

Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere.

BY "CLUG"

STATUS OF FEDS HE SHOULD WORRY

Baseball Commission Will Decide Who Owns Outlaws.

Willie Ritchie Has Made a Success of Ring Game.

Annual Meeting of Body Begins in Cincinnati Today.

He Capitalized His Youth and Saved His Money.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 3.—Probably the most important matter to be taken up by the national baseball commission at its annual meeting here today will be the status of players connected with the St. Louis and Chicago Federal league clubs in case Federal club owners purchase the Chicago National and St. Louis Americans.

There is some doubt as to whether the players of these two Federal league clubs will be subject to the waiver rule of organized baseball. It is contended by some that the purchase of the St. Louis Americans by Phil Ball and his associates of the St. Louis Federal league serves the purpose of consolidating the two teams. Therefore, it is contended the Federal league players should be subject to the waiver rule of the American league.

To Get Waivers.

In other words, waivers from each American league club would have to be obtained on every player of the St. Louis Browns before they could be disposed of outside that league. The same condition, it is contended, will apply to the Chicago National league club, in case it is purchased by Charles Weechnan.

Others, however, claim all Federal league players were made eligible to organized baseball and that titles to all players were vested in the Federal league as a league and not as individual clubs. If this contention is upheld, according to a high baseball authority, then it will become necessary for the St. Louis Americans to purchase, in case they desire to do so, the players of the St. Louis Federal league club in open competition. It is argued by this same authority that if this is upheld, then the waiver rule will not apply to any Federal league player.

Settle With I. L.

The other matter which has to do with the peace treaty will be the settlement of a date and a place of meeting for the committee appointed to thresh out and settle the difficulties which arose between the Federal and International leagues concerning the Baltimore and Buffalo Federal league clubs.

Chairman August Hermann announced that a large number of cases would be discussed by the commission, but there were none of an exceptional nature. The annual election of officers will also be held at the meeting.

ZEHRUNG IS ON THE JOB.

New President of Western League Assumes His Duties.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—Frank C. Zehrung, ex-manager of Lincoln, came into his new official position Saturday—that of president-secretary-treasurer of the Western baseball league. His induction into office was more of a formality. He gave the easy chair at his Oliver theater office desk a few turns Saturday, plumped his frame into the seat and announced to himself and a few callers that he was on the presiding job.

The absence of an inaugural ceremony is easily explained. The ex-proxy was officially informed by E. J. Hanlon of Sioux City several weeks ago that he had been chosen to administer the business affairs of the Western league and that his term of office was to begin the first day of the new year, so Proxy Frank automatically assumed his new title without formality or flubdub.

The first formal function which will confront the new president of the Western league involves the turning over of the books, records, bank balance and other property now in the hands of T. P. O'Neil, ex-president of the league. President Zehrung could not say definitely when this event would take place. He related that he recently received a letter from the ex-proxy, written at Oakland, Cal., in which the latter predicted a prosperous and successful baseball season in the Western circuit and conveyed his compliments to the new boss of the league.

Mr. Zehrung responded in a similar vein, but took the precaution of ex-proxy just when he would be ready to make the jump to Chicago so that the league property might be formally conveyed to the club owner at the new president of the league. No answer has come to date.

BROWN LOSES TO W. S. C.

West Again Triumphs Over the East in Gridiron Test.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 3.—Playing in a rain that marred the tournament of roses, the Washington State college football eleven defeated Brown university, 14 to 6, here Saturday in a game that featured the city's annual New Year festival. Vigorous assaults on the Brown line and constant bucking tactics kept the Rhode Island athletes continually on the defensive.

They held Washington's scoreless in the first half of the game and even impeded the westerners on one or two occasions, but they finally were beaten back on the water-soaked field in the third and fourth quarters, getting a touchdown and goal in each quarter. Boone, who replaced Hanley at right half for Washington at the opening of the second period, scored the first touchdown and the plunging Washington fullback, Dietz, put over the second one. Despite the wind, Durham, quarterback, each time bottled the ball between the goal posts.

MORAN TO MEET WILLARD.

He Probably Will Substitute for Fulton in New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 3.—Tommy Burns, local fight promoter, Saturday received a telegram from Frank Moran in New York City accepting terms Burns offered him for a twenty-round heavyweight championship fight with Jess Willard in New Orleans on March 4 or 6.

After the promoters and Willard's manager on Wednesday declared the Willard-Fulton fight arranged for this city March 4, was off, Burns wired Moran offering him \$7,500 flat for a match with the champion, provided Moran defeat Jim Corbett in their bout in New York January 7.

Dr. Wilson Keith Hobart, physician and surgeon, 704 Mills Building. Office phone 1234, residence phone 1045.

New York, Jan. 3.—"I am merely capitalizing my youth. Every young fellow should do the same thing. Some don't. They live to regret it. Opportunity doesn't flirt with old men often."

This is Geary Anthony Steffens' idea of preparedness. The public has been told that Steffens is as good a fighter as Willie Ritchie, former champion lightweight boxer. The public sees him as a courageous fighting man who seems to like being punched on the nose.

But, privately, Willie Ritchie is an eager young chap not at all different from the average student at Columbia university. The comparison is made because the former lightweight champion is a student in the agricultural school at Columbia.

True, Willie's face doesn't suggest classic sculpture. There are adequate proofs upon Willie's countenance that he had dealt in recreations that do not tend to perpetuate beauty. But he might tell a stranger that he accumulated these indentations and cliffs on the gridiron. And it would be quite within the realm of belief.

"I have taken up scientific agriculture because the time is coming when Willie Ritchie will not be able to fight," explained Geary Steffens today after classes. "I have been more or less successful as a pugilist. There are those who will snuff at my taking pride in such success. And there are those with whom I am hugely unpopular because, as a champion, I did not bathe them in champagne."

"But when I started in to fight I decided that I would have to fight to higher ideals and independence. I have saved money. I can look rather optimistically upon the future. That's my answer to the men who seem to take my frugality as a personal affront."

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

This may be a good time to hunt coons, but it is also ideal for roasting chestnuts after dark.

After all, walking may be the sport the faculties of the colleges and universities are looking for. But at that, it seems to walk merely for the sport of legging.

A gentleman of leisure dropped into the office the other day and proceeded to try to convince us that a city boy makes a better athlete than a country lad. His argument was that the city boy leads a more strenuous life, that he dissipates more and that his constitution is accustomed to standing more wear and tear under pressure.

It was not necessary to look at the hands of this gentleman of leisure to know that he never was a country lad. He never had to get up at 4 a. m. to feed the stock and milk six cows; he never followed a plow from sun to sun; and he never had to go home after all these things were done to milk the six cows again, feed the same stock, cut a cord of wood, carry four pails of water, and fasten up the hen house before going to bed.

The city boy may dissipate more than the clod-hopper, but whenever he thinks he can stand more physical strain because of this dissipation, he's off his track.

D. J. Rundell, the new chess champion from Alameda, says that he does most of his playing with his brother, and that his brother very often beats him.

Now that an amateur has been definitely defined, why would it not be a good idea for the football rules committee to rule whether or not it is proper for a team to play for the sake of winning?

A prominent golf club in Cleveland has decided to use girls for caddies next spring. And the club's waiting list is liable to become bigger than the membership of the club. There are several Topeka golfers who undoubtedly would like to move to Cleveland and join this club.

It is being suggested that organized baseball should protect itself from another outlaw hold up by seeing to it that all territory is provided with a high class of baseball.

The suggestion, coming from the Windy City intimates that the American association should be allowed to take the park in Chicago made vacant by the consolidation of the Cubs and Whales.

Isn't it about time for the mushroom leagues to begin to show signs of life? Kansas and every other state produces a crop almost every year.

With a bowling league and a Santa Fe automatic baseball league starting this week, winter sport in Topeka is looking up a bit. Basketball is also opening up, and there is a chance that we may have a few more soccer games.

Little, But Mighty.

Malcolm McLellan, of Chicago, says that Trinity college is coming in for a lot of publicity these days, owing to the fact that it played Brickley on the football field this last fall. "Boys in the middle West," he avers, "are not familiar with affairs at Trinity, which is one of the small New England colleges."

And then Mr. McLellan proceeds to familiarize them thusly: "Here we have a college with a student body of less than 250. Yet it went through the recent season undefeated, but was tied by Brown and Tufts. Such powerful elevators as Bates, Amherst, Williams and Wesleyan were walloped by the Blue and Gold men."

Reminiscing, the Chicago writer continues: "Trinity has been prominent in athletics for many years. We remember back in 1895, when the registration was not more than 150, the team beat such elevators as New York university and Hamilton and tied Haverford and the Massachusetts Aggies. In the late 30's Trinity put a track team on the field composed of three or four ordinary performers and one star. Yet, this squad cleaned up everything in sight. Trinity has put ball teams on the field that went through the East as through a sieve."

And then McLellan gets to the kernel of it all when he says: "One reason for all this success was the Trinity coach, who was a professor in the college and had daring ideas about athletics." And just to show to what heights little Trinity attained on the football field this fall McLellan quotes from "Fair Play," a noted writer of the New York Post, who classifies Trinity as a worthy opponent of Wesleyan and Jefferson, Brown, Yale, Colgate, the Army and Penn.

And Trinity has less than 250 students enrolled in school!

Mitchell Outclassed Kilbane.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 3.—Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland and Richie Mitchell of Milwaukee fought ten fast rounds here Saturday afternoon, popular decision giving Mitchell the better of the bout. According to the newspaper men present Mitchell's last four rounds, in which he punished the champion severely, would have clearly earned him the decision.

New Orleans Races Are On.

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—Prominent turfmen from all parts of the country were here Saturday at the opening of the winter horse racing season. The meet is being held under the auspices of the Business Men's racing association and will continue for fifty-seven days.

After the Jews.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(Wireless to Sayville.) "It is reported from Stockholm that orders have been given to all Jewish refugees at Petrograd to depart immediately," says the Overseas News agency. "This order involves the cancellation of all concessions to the Jews made by Prince Cherbasoff, former minister of the interior."

Government Controls Labor.

Rome, Jan. 3.—By government decree all the port and dock laborers have been placed under military control. This action has been taken for the purpose of preventing strikes for higher wages during the effort to dismember the ports of large quantities of merchandise and war materials.

REMOVAL OF THE BIG SMOKE IMPROVES FIGHT GAME; ALL CLASSES PROSPER



"Rumor hath it" the fight game has improved all through since Jack Johnson has been chased away. Since Jess Willard chased Jack Johnson from the fight game last April there has been a very considerable improvement in all classes of boxing. So long as the big smoke was king of the heavy boxing activities seemed to languish, but now that a white champ reigns there is a new spirit in every class.

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- 1.50—40 in. Plain Satins.....
- 1.50—36 in. Striped Taffeta Silks.....
- 1.50—36 in. Satin Striped Silks.....
- 1.50—27 in. Crystal Silks.....
- 1.50—40 in. Printed Radium Silks.....
- 1.25—27 in. Plaid Silks.....
- 1.25—24 in. Persian Striped Silks.....
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- 2.25—40 in. Striped Taffeta Silks.....
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JUDGE LAMAR FUNERAL

Late Supreme Court Justice to Be Buried at Augusta, Ga.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Arrangements are being made today for the funeral of Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court, who died at his home here last night of gradual heart failure. He was 58 years old and had been ill since noon today.

Although Justice Lamar had been ill several months, the news of his death came as a great shock to his associates on the bench. Following custom, the court after meeting today, is to adjourn immediately in respect to the memory of the late justice.

The burial will be at Augusta, Ga., for many years the home of the late justice. The funeral party, which probably will include his associates on the supreme bench, will start for Augusta Tuesday afternoon.

MRS. THOMPSON LOSES

Her Case Against Her Former Husband Is Dismissed.

Following a hearing in the Shawnee county district court Saturday afternoon, legal efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, divorced wife of Donald Thompson, famous Topeka war correspondent, to collect alleged alimony from Thompson, failed.

Mrs. Thompson filed proceedings against her husband last Friday. An emergency was declared and her motion to collect \$991, alleged alimony due, was heard New Year's day.

Thompson testified that he had paid his wife more money than that designated in the divorce decree and at different times had purchased her expensive presents. When Mrs. Thompson took the stand and denied the statements, Thompson addressed the court and offered to have testimony taken over long distance telephone from Washington, New York and Chicago to prove his testimony. Those who would testify in his behalf were newspaper men, he said.

Weekly Bank Clearings.

City	Amount.	Per. Cent.
New York.....	\$2,510,140.00	108.9
Chicago.....	308,404.00	25.2
Philadelphia.....	209,548.00	12.5
Boston.....	161,345.00	58.0
St. Louis.....	136,221.00	17.0
Kansas City.....	72,994.00	37.8
Pittsburg.....	54,790.00	38.8
San Francisco.....	45,920.00	17.7
Baltimore.....	40,928.00	48.7
Minneapolis.....	30,858.00	63.1
Petera.....	28,138.00	63.1
Cincinnati.....	27,262.00	36.5
St. Paul.....	17,621.00	11.9
Low Angeles.....	18,055.00	32.3
New Orleans.....	19,465.00	5.8
Omaha.....	17,090.00	21.4
Milwaukee.....	14,235.00	17.1
Portland.....	11,314.00	25.0
Louisville.....	14,008.00	49.2
Seattle.....	10,280.00	17.6
Richmond.....	11,314.00	25.0
St. Joseph.....	13,146.00	101.4
Wichita.....	6,822.00	11.9
Des Moines.....	4,378.00	10.5
Waco.....	3,334.00	15.6
Sioux City.....	3,215.00	37.0
Little Rock.....	2,170.00	23.6
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NEW CHANCELLOR IS IN

J. A. Alexander Installed as C. of H Head; Elect a Correspondent.

John A. Alexander was installed Friday night into the position of chancellor of the Court of Honor. At the final business meeting of the year the resignation of C. V. Callaghan as corresponding was accepted and Sidney M. Zinn, recently resigned chancellor, was elected to fill the vacancy.

A New Year dance was given after the meeting, and seventy-five couples attended. Refreshments were served. The music was furnished by Doe's orchestra. Prizes of ten, three and two dollars were awarded in the attendance contest given by the local field force.

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